

County of Placer
DONNER SUMMIT MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE DONNER SUMMIT MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
Thursday, May 16, 2013**

Pursuant to notice given, the regular meeting of the Donner Summit Municipal Advisory Council (DSMAC) was held on Thursday May 16, 2013 at the Judah Day Lodge at Sugar Bowl in Norden, California.

1. Call to Order

CHRIS PARKER called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM. A quorum was established.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Parker, Wexler, Heald, and Wiggins

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Kastan and Friedman

2. MAC Member Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves. It was noted that Anne Knudsen has resigned from the Council.

3. Approval of Agenda

HEALD/WIGGINS/UNANIMOUS

4. Approval of Minutes of January 17, 2013

WIGGINS/WEXLER/UNANIMOUS

5. Supervisor / Tahoe Field Representative Reports

KASTAN reported the resignation of Anne Knudsen from DSMAC. The Board of Supervisors will appoint her replacement. The Board denied the appeal on the Cabin Creek Biomass Facility, so that project will be moving forward. There is a model of the proposed Village at Squaw Valley on display at Squaw. KASTAN said the North Tahoe Regional Advisory Council had a 3/3 split vote on whether or not to recommend approval of Northstar's Forest Flyer. The application will be heard by the Planning Commission.

A brief discussion followed regarding the road closure schedule into Serene Lakes when work is done to replace the railroad tracks and crossing.

6. Community / Public Safety Reports

There were no Community Reports given from agencies.

7. Public Comment

PAT MALBERG announced the dates for public meetings for the Soda Springs Update, Donner Summit Clean-Up, and public outreach for Royal Gorge.

There was a brief discussion about the traffic management plan that is part of the Soda Springs mitigation requirement.

WEXLER thanked Sugar Bowl for blocking side roads onto sensitive areas this spring as snow melt permitted unwanted access.

8. Action Item

A. Recommendation on the Sugar Bowl Crow's Nest Peak Chairlift – Lisa Carnahan, Associate Planner, Placer County Planning Services, and Sara Taddo Jones, Project Assistant, Planning and Development, Sugar Bowl Resort

PARKER recused himself from this discussion and action. HEALD took the gavel for this portion of the meeting.

LISA CARNAHAN introduced the request for a Conditional Use Permit for the new chair lift. The comment period opened May 8 and so far, there have been no comments from the public. She answered questions of the Council and public clarifying the project. SARA TADDO JONES provided further information regarding the history of the project, location, and logistics, including the actual ski runs, topography of the area, and access. Discussion followed regarding the mitigations, views of the area from nearby residents, Forest Service input, and the proposed removal of 396 trees for the project. CARNAHAN explained why the current strategy of a Conditional Use Permit was identified by County staff as the appropriate level of environmental review.

Motion to recommend approval of Sugar Bowl's Crow's Nest Peak chairlift application.

WIGGINS/HEALD

AYES: WIGGINS and HEALD

NOES: None

ABSTENTION: WEXLER

Motion failed because only 2 votes were cast. Therefore, no recommendation was made.

9. MAC Member Reports

PARKER reviewed the Royal Gorge public outreach process, saying there are a variety of ways to be involved.

10. Future Agenda Items

WEXLER asked for a follow up on the funds allocated from the Park Dedication Fees.

The Land Trust will be asked to report on the public input for the Royal Gorge plans.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting – July 18, 2013 at 6:00 PM

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Friedman, Recording Secretary